

Page 19, line 25, after "30°C" insert period ---.

Page 21, line 17, rewrite "Table 2 to 5" as --Tables 2 to 5--.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly cancel Claims 2 and 3.

Please amend Claim 1 as follows:

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1. (Amended) An inorganic compound sol comprising a dispersion medium and, dispersed therein, inorganic compound particulates having average particle size from about 11 to 30 nm whose surface has been modified by an organic compound exhibiting a molecular polarizability of from 2×10^{-40} to $850 \times 10^{-40} \text{ C}^2\text{m}^2\text{J}^{-1}$, wherein the inorganic compound particulates are composite oxide particulates composed of silica and at least one inorganic oxide other than silica.

REMARKS

Claim 1 has been amended so that the inorganic compound particulates are composite oxide particulates containing silica and at least one other inorganic oxide, and have an average particle size from 11 nm to 30 nm. This amendment is based on the particle size used in the examples, as in Examples 3 and 4. Therefore, no new matter is introduced.

Claims 2 and 3 have been canceled. Claims 1 and 4 remain in the application. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application as amended are requested.

The Examiner rejected claims 1 to 4 under 35 U.S.C. § 102 (b) as being anticipated by U. S. Patent No. 5,236,622 (Yoneda et al.). The Examiner maintains that Yoneda et al. (EXAMPLE 2-(9)) discloses the claimed inorganic sols.

The Yoneda et al. patent discloses the use of fine particles of silicon, titanium, zirconium and aluminum (col. 5, lines 17-23). The Yoneda et al. patent also discloses the